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Thirty-Two VA Medical Facilities Named “Top Performers”

WASHINGTON – Thirty-two Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities from across the nation were recently recognized as “top performers” by the independent panel that accredits and certifies health care organizations.

“We are proud of the medical facilities that have been recognized for demonstrating VA’s commitment to provide the high-quality care our Veterans have earned through their service,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This achievement highlights the hard work of our VA medical staff to serve Veterans.”

The recognition came from The Joint Commission, a not-for-profit organization that ensures the quality of U.S. health care by its intensive evaluation of more than 20,000 health care organizations.

While all 151 VA medical facilities are accredited by The Joint Commission, the list recognizes facilities that are the top performers based on The Joint Commission’s annual review of evidence-based care that is closely linked to positive patient outcomes. This program recognizes Joint Commission-accredited hospitals for a significant achievement in accountability and performance measures.

The Joint Commission recognized 19 VA medical facilities as top performers in 2011/2012 and 20 VA medical facilities in 2010. Nine VA facilities have been rated as top performers for two consecutive years – a noteworthy distinction.

“VA health care has been a leader in performance measurement, electronic health records, research and clinical quality for more than a decade,” said VA Undersecretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel. “I am proud of the staff that works hard every day to care for America’s Veterans.”

The top VA performers cited by the commission are the following 32 medical facilities:

Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center *	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System	Loma Linda, Calif.
VA San Diego Healthcare System	San Diego, Calif.
Grand Junction VA Medical Center *	Grand Junction, Colo.
Wilmington VA Medical Center *	Wilmington, Del.
Bay Pines VA Healthcare System	Bay Pines, Fla.
Carl Vinson VA Medical Center	Dublin, Ga.
Marion VA Medical Center	Marion, Ill.
VA Northern Indiana Health Care System	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital	Columbia, Mo.
Minneapolis VA Health Care System	Minneapolis, Minn.
John J. Pershing VA Medical Center	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
VA St. Louis Health Care System	St Louis, Mo.
VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System	Reno, Nev.
Bath VA Medical Center	Bath, N.Y.
VA Hudson Valley Health Care System *	Montrose, N.Y.
Fargo VA Healthcare System	Fargo, N. D.
Dayton VA Medical Center	Dayton, Ohio
Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center	Muskogee, Okla.
Portland VA Medical Center *	Portland, Ore.
James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center	Altoona, Penn.
Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center *	Columbia, S.C.
Mountain Home VA Medical Center	Mountain Home, Tenn.
South Texas Health Care System	San Antonio, Texas
White River Junction VA Medical Center *	White River Junction, Vt.
Hampton VA Medical Center	Hampton, Va.
Spokane VA Medical Center *	Spokane, Wash.
Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center	Clarksburg, W.Va.
Martinsburg VA Medical Center	Martinsburg, W.Va.
Huntington VA Medical Center *	Huntington, W.Va.
William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital	Madison, Wis.
Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center	Milwaukee, Wis.

[An asterisk denotes a *Top Performer* rating for a second or third year.]

In addition to being named in this report, *this year's top performers* are highlighted at www.jointcommission.org and The Joint Commission's Quality Check website at www.qualitycheck.org.